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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for the purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1,3-5,8,9,11-13,15-18&20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Strandwitz et al (US 6,522,352).

Regarding claim 1, Strandwitz et al disclose wireless camera devices, including video camera devices and still camera devices, and wireless camera system/method comprising a self-contained wireless camera device in combination with a base station device, the method comprising:

a) communicating the image from an image capture device to the removable media device via a wireless connection (see camera device 10 wirelessly connected to base station 20 of Fig. 1 which wireless device architecture is shown in Fig.2&4; camera 100 of Fig.4 and camera 130 of

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Fig.2; disk drive 402 of Fig.4; col.3, lines 9-39; col.6, lines 48-59; col.13, line 45 to col.2, 14, line 2);

b) storing the communicated image in memory on the removable media device (see disk drive 402; col.13, line 45 to col.2, 14, line 2);

c) deciphering the stored image (see Fig.2, video encoding/decoding module 200 and real time transport protocol module 230; col.4, lines 32-48);

d) recording the deciphered image on removable media (see disk drive 402; col.13, line 45 to col.2, 14, line 2);

e) wherein the recorded image on the removable media is capable of being accessed on removable media device (see col.13, lines 45-62).

Regarding claim 3, Strandwitz discloses the method step comprises wherein the wireless connection includes at least one of an infrared link of radio frequency link (see RF link; col.3, lines 18-30).

Regarding claim 4, Strandwitz discloses the method step comprises wherein the deciphering includes decoding the stored image from a first format into a photoframe and encoding the decoded image into a second format (see Fig.2, video encoding/decoding module 200 and real time transport protocol module 230; col.4, lines 32-48), here the decoding means

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decodes the image to one format and the encoding means encodes the image signal into another format (a second format).

Regarding claim 5, Strandwitz discloses the method step comprises wherein the first format includes at least one of Graphic Interchange Format (GIF), Hypertext Markup Language (HTML), bitmap, and Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG) and the second format includes Motion Pictures Experts Group (MPEG) bitstream (see col.3, lines 9-16).

Regarding claim 8, Strandwitz discloses the method step comprising wherein the recorded image includes at least one of text, music and voice clips (see col.7, lines 10-19).

Regarding claim 9, the claimed limitations of claim 9 are accommodated in the discussions of claim 1 above.

Regarding claim 11, the claimed limitations of claim 11 are accommodated in the discussions of claim 3 above.

Regarding claim 12, the claimed limitations of claim 12 are accommodated in the discussions of claim 4 above.

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Regarding claim 13, the claimed limitations of claim 13 are accommodated in the discussions of claim 5 above.

Regarding claim 15, the claimed limitations of claim 15 are accommodated in the discussions of claim 8 above.

Regarding claim 16, the claimed limitations of claim 16 are accommodated in the discussions of claim 1 above. It is pertinent to note that the limitation "... querying the image storage for a supported format; wherein the supported format differs from the an image format, deciphering the image to the supported format.." is read on the disclosure that the video signals are processed according to a selected protocol scheme; and "... communicating the image from the image capture device to the image storage device.." is read as storing the captured and processed image on the image storage device.

Regarding claim 17, the claimed limitations of claim 17 are accommodated in the discussions of claim 1 above.

Regarding claim 18, the claimed limitations of claim 18 are accommodated in the discussions of claim 3 above.

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Regarding claim 20, the claimed limitations of claim 20 are accommodated in the discussions of claim 4 above.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2,6,7,10,14&19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Strandwitz et al in view of Squilla et al (US 6,396,537).

Regarding claim 2, Strandwitz fails to explicitly disclose the method wherein the removable media device includes at least one of a digital versatile disk (DVD), digital video disk-erasable (DVD-e), VCD, and compact disc. Squilla et al teach a photographic system including a camera that is capable of interactive data communication with sources of digital data associated with one or more scenes comprising the image server 70, wherein the microprocessor 76 drives a writer 91 to provide customized media 92 including compact disks (CDS) and digital video disks (DVD) (see Fig.2, col.5, line 64 to col.6, line 19).

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It would have been obvious to modify Strandwitz by realizing Strandwitz with a DVD or CD as storage means , as taught by Squilla, in order to store camera image on the large storage space of a CD or DVD.

Regarding claim 6, Squilla further teaches wherein the deciphered image is recorded on a digital versatile disk (DVD) device (see col.5, line 64 to col.6, line 19).

Regarding claim 7, Squilla further teaches wherein the deciphered image is played back as at least one of a photo album and slide show (see col.5, line 64 to col.6, line 19).

Regarding claim 10, the claimed limitations of claim 10 are accommodated in the discussions of claim 2 above.

Regarding claim 14, the claimed limitations of claim 14 are accommodated in the discussions of claim 7 above.

Regarding claim 19, the claimed limitations of claim 19 are accommodated in the discussions of claim 2 above, except the claimed one of digital camera or digital camcorder (see col.4, lines 3-25).

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Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Tullis (US 6,535,243) teach a digital camera system that provides remote storage and image enhancement combined with an in-camera display device.

Maeda et al (US 4,531,164) teach a video system which uses a small size cassette for reducing the size and weight of a video tape recorder and is chiefly intended for use during photography.

Fraley (US 5,793,419) teach a personal surveillance system for audio and video, such as one that might be worn by or placed proximate to an individual.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from this examiner should be directed to Christopher Onuaku whose telephone number is (703) 308-7555. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Thursday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Monday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone is unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew B. Christensen, can be reached on (703) 308-9644.

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Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive,
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be
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